



AUDITOR - GENERAL
SOUTH AFRICA

The Accounting Officer
Eden District Municipality
P.O. Box 12
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28 November 2014

Reference: 21425REG13/14

Dear Mr. G. Louw

Report of the Auditor-General on the financial statements and other legal and regulatory requirements of Eden District Municipality for the year ended 30 June 2014

1. The above-mentioned report of the Auditor-General is submitted herewith in terms of section 21(1) of the Public Audit Act of South Africa, 2004 (Act No. 25 of 2004) read in conjunction with section 188 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and section 121(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act of South Africa, 2003 (Act No.56 of 2003) (MFMA).
2. In terms of section 121(3) of the MFMA you are required to include the audit report in the municipality's annual report to be tabled.
3. Until the annual report is tabled as required by section 127(2) of the MFMA the audit report is not a public document and should therefore be treated as confidential.
4. Prior to printing or copying the annual report which will include the audit report you are required to do the following:
 - Submit the final printer's proof of the annual report to the relevant senior manager of the Auditor-General of South Africa for verification of the audit-related references in the audit report and for confirmation that the financial statements and other information are those documents that have been read and audited. Special care should be taken with the page references in your report, since an incorrect reference could have audit implications.
 - The signature *Auditor-General* in the handwriting of the auditor authorised to sign the audit report at the end of the hard copy of the audit report should be scanned in when preparing to print the report. This signature, as well as the place and date of signing and the Auditor-General of South Africa's logo, should appear at the end of the report, as in the hard copy that is provided to you. The official logo will be made available to you in electronic format.
5. Please notify the undersigned Senior Manager well in advance of the date on which the annual report containing this audit report will be tabled.

6. Over and above the normal distribution of your annual report, five (5) copies must be submitted to the Auditor-General for attention of Mr. Gavin van der Hoven: Parliamentary Manager.

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7. Your cooperation to ensure that all these requirements are met would be much appreciated.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL TO THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF EDEN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Introduction

1. I have audited the financial statements of the Eden District Municipality set out on pages 5 to 81, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets, cash flow statement and the statement of comparison of budget information with actual information for the year then ended, as well as the notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Accounting officer's responsibility for the financial statements

2. The accounting officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with South African Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (SA Standards of GRAP) and the requirements of the Municipal Finance Management Act of South Africa, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) (MFMA) and the Division of Revenue Act of South Africa, 2012 (Act No. 5 of 2012) (DoRA) and for such internal control as the accounting officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor-general's responsibility

3. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with the Public Audit Act of South Africa, 2004 (Act No. 25 of 2004) (PAA), the general notice issued in terms thereof and International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements, and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.
4. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.
5. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

6. In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Eden District Municipality as at 30 June 2014 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with SA Standards of GRAP and the requirements of the MFMA and DoRA.

Emphasis of matters

7. I draw attention to the matters below. My opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

Significant uncertainties

8. With reference to note 41 to the financial statements, the municipality is the defendant in a case involving the provision of technology services. The ultimate outcome of the matter cannot presently be determined and no provision for any liability that may result has been made in the financial statements.
9. With reference to note 41 to the financial statements, the municipality is in dispute with other municipalities in a property ownership lawsuit. The book value of these properties at year-end amounted to R159 644 620.
10. With reference to note 41 to the financial statements, the municipality is involved in a dispute regarding electricity consumption. The ultimate outcome of the matter cannot presently be determined and no provision for any liability that may result has been made in the financial statements

Restatement of corresponding figures

11. As disclosed in note 33 to the financial statements, the corresponding figures for 30 June 2013 have been restated as a result of an error discovered during 30 June 2014 in the financial statements of the Eden District Municipality at, and for the year ended, 30 June 2013.

Additional matters

12. I draw attention to the matters below. My opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

Unaudited supplementary schedules

13. The supplementary information set out on pages 82 to 88 did not form part of the financial statements and is presented as additional information. I have not audited these schedules and, accordingly, I do not express an opinion thereon.

Unaudited supplementary notes

14. In terms of section 125(2)(e) of the MFMA, the municipality is required to disclose particulars of non-compliance with the MFMA. This disclosure requirement did not form part of the audit of the financial statements and accordingly I do not express an opinion thereon.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENT

15. In accordance with the PAA and the general notice issued in terms thereof, I report the following findings on the reported performance information against predetermined objectives for selected strategic objectives presented in the annual performance report, compliance with legislation as well as internal control. The objective of my tests was to identify reportable findings as described under each subheading but not to gather evidence to express assurance on these matters. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion or conclusion on these matters.

Predetermined objectives

16. I performed procedures to obtain evidence about the usefulness and reliability of the reported performance information for the following selected strategic objectives presented in the annual performance report of the municipality for the year ended 30 June 2014:
 - Strategic objective 2: Conduct regional bulk infrastructure planning and implement projects, roads maintenance and public transport; and manage and develop council's fixed assets (on pages 21 to 22).

- Strategic objective 3: Ensure financial viability of the Eden District Municipality (on page 23)
 - Strategic objective 5: Healthy and socially stable communities (on page 25)
 - Strategic objective 7: Promote sustainable environmental management and public safety (on page 27).
17. I evaluated the reported performance information against the overall criteria of usefulness and reliability.
18. I evaluated the usefulness of the reported performance information to determine whether it was presented in accordance with the National Treasury's annual reporting principles and whether the reported performance was consistent with the planned strategic objectives. I further performed tests to determine whether indicators and targets were well defined, verifiable, specific, measurable, time bound and relevant, as required by the National Treasury's *Framework for managing programme performance information* (FMPPI).
19. I assessed the reliability of the reported performance information to determine whether it was valid, accurate and complete.
20. I did not raise any material findings on the usefulness and reliability of the reported performance information for the selected strategic objectives.

Additional matter

21. Although I raised no material findings on the usefulness and reliability of the reported performance information for the selected strategic objectives, I draw attention to the following matters:

Achievement of planned targets

22. Refer to the annual performance report on pages 19 to 27 for information on the achievement of the planned targets for the year

Adjustment of material misstatements

23. I identified material misstatements in the annual performance report submitted for auditing on the reported performance information for strategic objectives 2: Conduct regional bulk infrastructure planning and implement projects, roads maintenance and public transport; manage and develop council fixed assets; and strategic objective 3: Ensure financial viability of the Eden District Municipality. As management subsequently corrected the misstatements, I did not raise any material findings on the usefulness and reliability of the reported performance information.

Compliance with legislation

24. I performed procedures to obtain evidence that the municipality had complied with applicable legislation regarding financial matters, financial management and other related matters. I did not identify any instances of material non-compliance with specific matters in key legislation, as set out in the general notice issued in terms of the PAA.

Internal control

25. I considered internal control relevant to my audit of the financial statements, annual performance report and compliance with legislation. I did not identify any significant deficiencies in internal control.

Auditor - General

Cape Town

28 November 2014



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